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RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

At Girls Inc. of the Greater Capital Region, our mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold. We work with more than 200 girls per day in the cities of Albany and Schenectady to help build the skills and capabilities they need to grow into empowered and achieving women. We reach over 1,200 girls per year through our workshops, summer camps, and outreach activities through the Greater Capital Region. Today, we are writing in support of the proposed cable broadband company New Charter, which we believe will serve as a strong partner in our efforts to improve the lives of children in New York.

New Charter would combine Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks. We have worked with Time Warner Cable for many years, and understand the benefit of a close alliance with a major broadband provider.

We believe New Charter would contribute new benefits to our organization and our community through an expanded national reach and a renewed commitment to local programs. We are particularly pleased by New Charter's plans to reach out to underserved communities. The company would adopt Bright House Networks' successful low-income broadband program in order to bring online households and students that have long been priced out of the market. The program would bring high-quality broadband to families and children at a reduced rate, allowing students to use the Internet as a study tool and gain valuable technological skills. This is especially important to us at Girls Inc. as more than 70% of our girls come from low-income families.

We look forward to working with New Charter, and are particularly impressed with its commitment to low-income consumers. We ask that you consider the impact of the company and approve the merger.

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